

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

**REPORT OF SPECIAL GRAND JURY ON ACTIVITIES REGARDING THE
FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES BY THE PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

AUTHORITY OF THE SPECIAL GRAND JURY

By Order entered by the Circuit Court of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia on August 29, 2012, a Special Grand Jury was impaneled pursuant to §19.2-206(A)(iii) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended to investigate and report to the Court on any condition that involves or tends to promote criminal activity as it pertains to the funding and expenditures of the Portsmouth Public Schools as provided in §19.2-191(2) of the Code.

By Order entered October 31, 2012, the Court appointed Lieutenant Larry Jacobs of the Portsmouth Police Department to assist the Special Grand Jury in its investigation, and Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Mary Harris was designated as Grand Jury Coordinator and administrative assistant to the Special Grand Jury.

By Order entered November 21, 2012, the Court appointed Alan Ball as Special Investigator to provide investigative services to the Special Grand Jury. Pursuant to §19.2-206 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended and the Orders of this Court, the Special Grand Jury conducted an investigation of the matters referred to it, and files this report as required under §19.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

The Special Grand Jury convened on four separate occasions beginning on November 19, 2012 and ending on February 13, 2013. In addition to hearing testimony under oath, reviewing exhibits, reviewing statutes, and participating in deliberations, individual members devoted hours